GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Certain allegations leveled against the engineering officials of GVMC., Visakhapatnam, in Procurement of Mechanical equipment and Machinery by Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation in Visakhapatnam District - Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired) and two other officials of GVMC., Visakhapatnam - Enquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 354 **Dated: 13-07-2021.**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.10 (C.No.1671/V&E/E/2016, dated.07.03.2017.
2) G.O.Ms.Nos.5 & 6, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.03.01.2018.
3) G.O.Rt.Nos.9 to 12, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.03.01.2018.
4) Written Statement of Defences of Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired), Sri B.Koteswara Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer (Retired) and Sri E.Venkata Rao, former Assistant Engineer (Mech.) of GVMC., Visakhapatnam, dated.24.01.2018.
5) G.O.Rt.No.213, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.27.02.2018.
6) G.O.Rt.No.214, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.27.02.2018.
7) Inquiry Report from Inquiry Officer Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, Superintending Engineer, Visakhapatnam, Letter No.2884/Estt/E1/2019, dated.06.07.2019 received through the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur Letter, dated.29.07.2019.
8) Govt.Memo.No.542647/Vig.I/2017, dated.12.11.2020.
9) Written Representations of Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired), Sri B.Koteswara Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer (Retired) and Sri E.Venkata Rao, former Assistant Engineer (Mech.) of GVMC., Visakhapatnam, dated.22.12.2020 & 24.12.2020.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that, the Vigilance & Enforcement Department have verified the process of procurement of Mechanical equipment & Machinery being followed by the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation. In the reference 1st read above, the G.A. (V&E) Department submitted a report and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired), Sri B.Koteswara Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer (Retired) and Sri E.Venkata Rao, former Assistant Engineer (Mech.) of GVMC., Visakhapatnam for Preparing & recommending the estimates based on the single quotation from the same dealer causing loss of Rs.17,39,424/- to the GVMC.

2. Whereas, in the references 2nd & 3rd read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing the articles of charges against Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired) and two other engineering officials, GVMC., Visakhapatnam and directed them to submit their written statement of defences thereon.

3. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, all the above said three (3) charged officers have submitted their written statement of defences by denying the charges framed against them and requested to drop further action.

4. Government after following due procedure, issued orders, vide G.O. 5th read above, appointing Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Visakhapatnam as an Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired) and two other engineering

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officials, GVMC., Visakhapatnam. In the reference 6th read above, Sri R.Somanarayana, Deputy Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer on behalf of Disciplinary Authority.

5. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, Superintending Engineer & Inquiry Officer, P.H. Circle, Visakhapatnam submitted his enquiry report and reported that, the charge framed against all the three charged officers are held "not proved" in the enquiry and therefore requested to take further necessary action.

6. Government have examined the enquiry report and accepted the findings submitted by the enquiry officer. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, while communicating a copy of enquiry report, under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, all the three (3) charged officers were directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of Enquiry Officer.

7. In the references 9th read above, Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired) and two other engineering officials, GVMC., Visakhapatnam have submitted their written representations and accepted the findings of the inquiry officer report and requested to drop further action against them.

8. Government have examined the matter duly following due procedure and keeping in view of the findings given by the Inquiry Officer and written representations of three delinquent officers, it has been decided to drop further action against them in the matter.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired), Sri B.Koteswara Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer (Retired) and Sri E.Venkata Rao, former Assistant Engineer (Mech.) of GVMC., Visakhapatnam, since the charge framed against them were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

10. The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRI LAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Y.Simon Raju, former Executive Engineer (Retired), GVMC.,
Visakhapatnam – **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri E.Venkata Rao, former Asst. Engineer (Mech.), GVMC.,
Visakhapatnam – **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri B.Koteswara Rao, former Dy.E.E. (Retired), GVMC.,
Visakhapatnam – **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.
The Principal Accountant General (A&G), A.P., Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER.